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Latin American golfers sweep the 17th Annual Aruba International Pro-Am



First place pro Alfredo Adrian of Venezuela



3rd place Pro Peter Horrobin of Jamaica

Since the first golfers took to the links of the Tierra Del Sol Country Club and Golf Course years ago, it has partnered with the Aruba Tourism Authority



Saturday's closest to the pin Liam van Ramhorst

to host the annual Aruba International Pro-Am Golf Tournament. On Sunday evening, August 28, it ended with a convivial reception from Ventanas



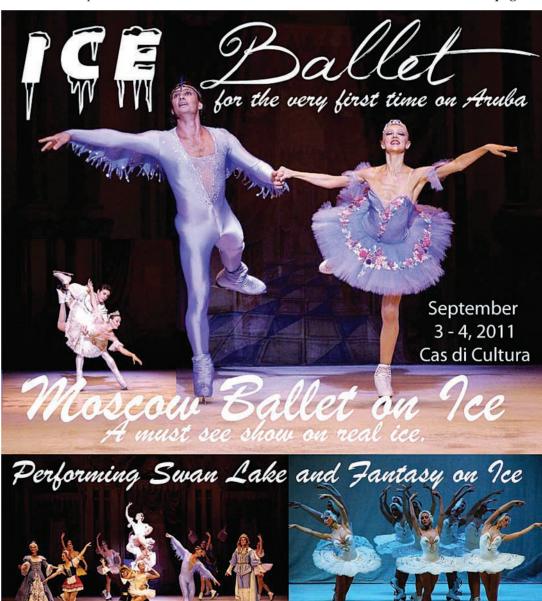
Sunday's closest to the pin Eduardo Alegria of Puerto Rico

Del Mar around the elegant pool deck, with the breathtaking view of the California Lighthouse and the fairways as a backdrop.

Latin American players and teams dominated the awards ceremony. Alfredo Adrian of Venezuela claimed the top spot Individual Pro prize after a 2day score of 133, which is 9 under par, and the team he captained won second place, with 184 strokes.

31 teams comprised of 155 players from 9 countries competed for the beautiful trophies, and great prizes awarded for Longest Drive and Closest to the Pin. TDS Golf Pro Adam

Williamson pointed out the long-term threat of the 3rd place team from Bolivia, with 85 strokes, mentored by Luis Martins, as it consisted entirely of 14 and 16 year old players. "They will be with us for a long time to come-they are the future," commented Williamson. *Continued on page 5*



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rene blamed for 33 deaths



NAGS HEAD, NC - Billy Stinson (L) comforts his wife Sandra Stinson (C) and daughter Erin Stinson as they sit on the steps where their cottage once stood before it was destroyed by Hurricane Irene in Nags Head. The cottage, built in 1903, was one of the first vacation cottages built on Albemarle Sound in Nags Head.

WASHINGTON (AFP) -Hurricane Irene is being blamed for at least 33 deaths in 10 eastern US states, emergency officials and local media said Monday, as many parts of the northeast suffered disastrous flooding.

The toll includes six fatalities each in New York state and North Carolina, five in Pennsylvania, four each in

New Jersey and Virginia, two

each in Connecticut, Florida

and Vermont, and one each in Maryland and Massachusetts.

Most of the fatalities were caused by falling trees, road accidents, or people being swept away by floodwater as Irene, now downgraded to a post-tropical cyclone over Canada, wreaked havoc up the eastern seaboard.

The youngest fatalities were an 11-year-old boy killed by a falling tree in his apartment on the Virginia coast and a 15-year-old girl who died in a car accident in North Carolina when the traffic lights failed.

Six deaths were being blamed on Irene in New York state, including a man who was electrocuted as he tried to save a child who had gone into a flooded street with downed wires.

The New York Police Department confirmed one of the fatalities, that of a 68year-old father of 13 in the Bronx who was found dead in the water after he went to check on his boat.

Massachusetts reported its first death: a man electrocuted by a downed power line, emergency management spokesman Scott MacLeod told AFP.

A New Jersey rescuer died in hospital of injuries sustained on Sunday when he was swept away by floodwaters in Princeton. He had been on life support and was prematurely announced as dead on Sunday by Governor Chris Christie.

In Canada, Quebec police said one man had been swept away in Yamaska, northeast of Montreal when his car

plunged into a chasm created by a washed-out road, but would not yet confirm his death.

More fatalities are feared after Irene barreled up the east coast late Sunday into the densely populated northeastern states of Connecticut, Vermont, Rhode Island and Massachusetts, and then on into Canada, dumping heavy

Millions of people in the United States were still without power and officials warned that flood damage from the massive storm's heavy rains may be felt for days.

Irene earlier last week left at least five people dead in the Caribbean, including one in the US territory of Puerto Rico and two each in the Dominican Republic and Haiti.

Judge blocks tough Alabama immigration

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MIAMI (AFP) - A judge blocked a new immigration law in the southern US state of Alabama Monday after the measure, attacked as draconian and intrusive, was challenged by President Barack Obama's administration.

"US District Judge Sharon Lovelace Blackburn has decided to block Alabama's new immigration law, temporarily until September 29, while a federal judge weighs the case," a spokeswoman for the attorney general's office told AFP.

The Department of Justice in a filing earlier this month said the law would deter illegal immigrants from enrolling their children in school and distract police from more serious crimes by requiring them to inspect the legal papers of everyone they stop.

The justice department also said the law attempts to usurp the federal government's role in setting its own immigration policy.

The Alabama law would "affect virtually every aspect of an unauthorized immigrant's daily life, from employment to housing to transportation to entering into and enforcing contracts to going to school," it

Critics say the measure would also have barred illegal immigrants from receiving state or local public benefits or enrolling in public colleges.

Obama has called for comprehensive immigration reform that would include strengthening borders but also granting a path to citizenship for the estimated 11 million undocumented immigrants in the country.

This is the second time the federal government has stepped in to block a controversial state immigration law after it won a July 2010 court injunction against a similar controversial measure in Arizona.

US: No knowledge of Kadhafi whereabouts

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The White House said Monday it had no indication of Moamer Kadhafi's whereabouts after members of the ousted strongman's family surfaced in Alge-

"We have no indication that he has left Libya," said White House spokesman Jay Carney, adding that if Washington did get information on Kadhafi's location it would inform Libyan rebels.

Kadhafi's wife, Safiya, his daughter Aisha, and sons Hannibal and Mohammed, accompanied by their children, entered Algeria earlier on Monday, the Algerian foreign ministry said in a statement.

The Italian news agency ANSA reported meanwhile that Kadhafi himself and two other children -- sons Saadi and Seif al-Islam -- were in the town of Bani Walid, south of the capital Tripoli.







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(influenza virus). When someone, who is infected with the Flu, sneezes, tiny drops are released into the air which contains the Flu virus. When someone in the vicinity inhales this they can become infected. Within one or two days the infected person will begin to feel

sick, but in the meantime he/she can continue infecting others.

If the person is infected with the Flu virus (influenza) within a few hours they will begin feeling a terrible headache, muscle pain and high fever.

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Minister of Public Transport meets with Autobus Chauffeurs



Last Friday, Minister Oduber, in charge of public transport, met with a group of autobus chauffeurs who service the Noord area route.

These bus drivers expressed their satisfaction for the Minister's ruling which allows them to service the route covering the hotel area.

The Minister remarked that in the past it was difficult for DOPV to control certain routes, but that now they will intensify the control. As a matter of fact, last Wednesday he met with DOPV to compel them to intensify the control on the phenomena of illegal autobuses soliciting in the area. They will involve the Office of the Public Prosecutor to ensure that the control is done correctly so they can avoid the illegal busses in the area.

The Minister reported that there are 17 permits issued of which 8 was for different routes which complicated the control. However, upon the request of a group from Noord they were able to settle this discrepancy and make it fair to everyone and in so doing, offer a more effective service to our community.

A concrete protocol was drawn up which was signed by all autobus drivers, except one. Regrettably, a group of 5 drivers decided to still go to court to request that the new route not be granted. They won the court case and consequently the new permit that was issued is valid for the other 11 chauffeurs. For those who went to court they can continue servicing the old route but they can no longer service the hotel route.

In last Friday's meeting the group of chauffeurs who are servicing the Noord route requested an audience with the minister to express their satisfaction with the decisions he has taken with respect to the hotel route. They indicated that they are 100% behind his decision and how pleased they are that their route has been made official. They now have a ministerial decree on their permit which clearly indicates that they have legal permission to service this route.

Charles Thomas, one of the chauffeurs who signed the new decree, expressed his satisfaction for the official ruling with respect to the hotel route. Another chauffeur kindly requested the Minister to do whatever is necessary to eliminate the problem of illegal drivers from the area.



The Flu Vaccine for 2011/2012 is here!

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In some cases this may be accompanied by a dry cough and pain in the throat. The person can recover within 3 to 5 days but will continue to feel tired for 1 or 2 weeks.

What can you do against the Flu?

You can avoid getting the Flu by taking the Flu vaccine. The Flu vaccine is available once every year and must be prescribed by a doctor. The vaccine offers protection for one full year but works only as a preventative. This means that if you already have the Flu it will not do you any good.

The Flu is not just having a cold. It is common to hear people say once someone does not feel good that they have the Flu (griep). But not all Flu are the one caused by the Flu virus.

The cold, stomach Flu and other illnesses caused by other viruses will not be prevented by getting the Flu shot.

Every year there is a different type of Flu. Every winter season in countries where there is winter, a high percentage of the population will get the Flu.

Because Aruba is a small island which receives a large amount of visitors, they bring their Flu virus and expose us to the virus. This Flu virus changes year after year, hence the reason for new vaccines every year. The Flu vaccine helps your resistance. Worldwide research is done to anticipate which type of virus to expect and on that basis they can prepare the exact vaccine expected to circulate.

The Flu vaccine helps to prevent getting the Flu. It is believed that the vaccine is 89% effective in preventing people from getting the Flu. The other 11% helps to minimize the symptoms of the Flu and possible complications caused by the Flu

It is advisable to consult your doctor regarding the Flu shot. In the Netherlands it is calculated that an average of 2000 persons die from the Flu and 20 to 30.000 are hospitalized because of the Flu every year. Like in all other countries, in Aruba the Flu vaccine is available via the pharmacy with a doctor's prescription.

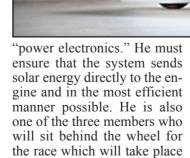
Young Aruban to compete in World Solar Challenge 2011



Twenty five year old future engineer, Javier St. Jago, is a model for Aruban youth. Javier is a student at the prestigious TU Delft University where he is studying engineering. He is one of the members of the team of NUNA 6, and one of the three drivers who will sit in the NUNA6 to compete in the World Solar Challenge 2011 to be held in Australia on October 16th

Javier has been for years keenly interested in the Nuon project and is currently a member of the team working on improving NUNA 5. They were able to accomplish this last June when they placed both vehicles on the race way with the same amount of energy in the battery they used.

Every member of the team has a specific role, from the design of the vehicle to material used, up to the moment that the vehicle is placed on the road for the World Solar Challenge. Javier's vehicle is specified to



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Javier remarked..."we are practically ready after working intensively for one year, often working whole days and nights."

from Darwin to Stuart High-

way to Adelaide. This is a dis-

tance of 3000km, which is 100

The vehicle that they designed is equal to NUNA 5 except for the maximum speed. NUNA 6 is 2m wide and some-

what longer than 4 meters. It has 6m2 of solar cells with which it can capture 1200 kilowatt hours of energy per day. They can store 5 kilowatt hours on a lithium battery which can be used during night hours.

The competition is scheduled to begin October 16th at Darwin. They will start at 8 am. Their goal will be to get as far as possible by 5 in the afternoon. At 5 pm they will mark the road where they arrived and on the side of the road they will raise a tent for their night abode. The next day at 8 am they will continue their travels.

The group is traveling by plane to Australia, while

NUNA 6 will be transported by plane and on the last part of the journey will be transferred to a cargo ship. The team is expected to arrive early in Australia where they will test the drive from start to finish so they could analyze the entire route. This will give them preknowledge of where there may be potholes and curves in the road. These they will register in their computer so the drivers would be well aware of them.

According to Javier..."if you want to achieve something, you must believe in yourself for you to achieve it. Set your goal and go for it; put all your energy into what you want to do."



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First place winning team from Venezuela with Pro Jose Martelo

The team to take the first prize and the winner's cup with a score of 183 was from Venezuela, captained by Pro José Montero, consisting of Miguel Brito, Marcos Rios, Luis Wanderlinder and Roberto Martinez.

Longest Drive at hole #1 on Saturday was won by Felipe Pinto of Brazil, Closest to the Pin claimed by young Liam van Ramshorst of Aruba. The second and third place Individual Pro prizes went to Otto Solis of Venezuela and Peter Horrobin of Jamaica, respectively with 136 and 137 strokes.

The Aruba International Pro-Am is comprised of teams of 4 amateur golfers captained and mentored by a pro, for two days of challenging golf on the fairways of the famous Robert Trent-Jones course located at Aruba's northwest point. Local players accustomed to the conditions expressed the heavy rains on both mornings created



Second place pro Otto Solis of Venezuela

"fast" greens, adding power to putts, but the constantly changing winds made play on the long shots quite difficult, normally local players usually fare much better during the annual Pro-Am.

Organizers expressed their gratitude to Amayra Boekhoudt from the ATA for doing a great job, and this year's tournament sponsors, Avis, Dufry, Fofoti Tours, EZ Go, and Diamonds International for their support.

by Rosalie Klein



Second place team



Third place team from Bolivia

Sci-Tech

Hints fade of elusive physics 'God particle'

WASHINGTON (AFP) - International scientists searching to solve the greatest riddle in all of physics said this week that signs are fading of the elusive Higgs-Boson particle, which is believed to give objects mass.

Just last month, physicists announced at a European conference that a big atomsmasher experiment had shown tantalizing hints of the Higgs-Boson, as the search to identify the particle enters the final stretch with results expected late next year.

Sometimes described as the "God particle" because it is such a mystery yet such a potent force of nature, the Higgs-Boson -- if it exists -- represents the final piece of the Standard Model of physics.

"At this moment we don't see any evidence for the Higgs in the lower mass region where it is likely to be," said physicist Howard Gordon, deputy US ATLAS operations program manager.

ATLAS is the biggest particle collider lab at the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN)'s Large Hadron Collider (LHC).

"I think it is true that the hints that we saw in July are not as significant -- they weren't very significant in July -- but they have gotten less significant now," Gordon told AFP.

However, physicists are not ready to rule out the possibility that it exists, and atom-smasher experiments must still sift through an immense amount of data at the low-end of the spectrum, he said.

"Basically the data has increased by about a factor of two since the report from the European Physical Society meeting in July because the Large Hadron Collider is producing lots of data," Gordon said.

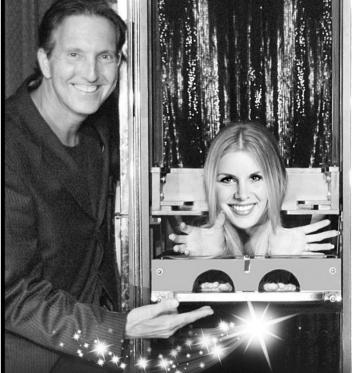
A statement summarizing the latest data, released at a conference in Mumbai, India, said the LHC's "ATLAS and CMS experiments excluded with 95 percent certainty the existence of a Higgs over most of the mass region from 145 to 466 GeV."

CERN research director Sergio Bertolucci whether the particle exists or not, scientists expect to know more by next year.

"Discoveries are almost assured within the next 12 months. If the Higgs exists, the LHC experiments will soon find it. If it does not, its absence will point the way to new physics," said Bertolucci.

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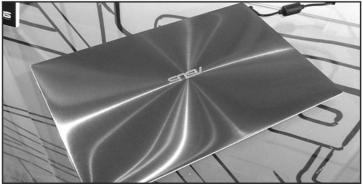
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Reports: Asus planning half a dozen Ultrabooks

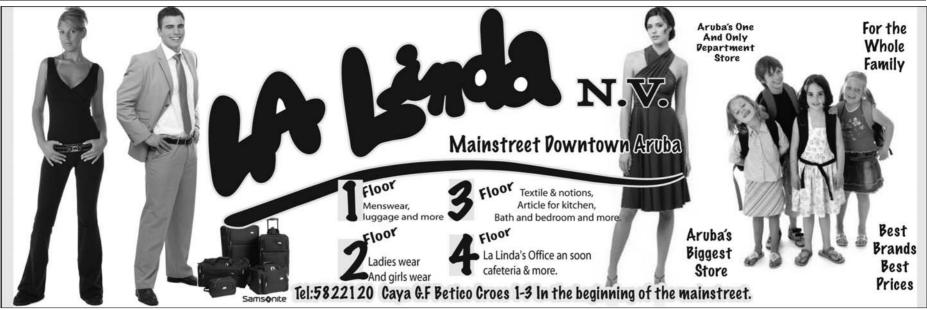


Intel wants to shake up the personal computer market with new, super-thin and powerful notebooks called Ultrabooks, which the company hopes will account for 40 percent of new PC sales

but the end of 2012. Although the company has had trouble convincing computer maker to get on board—even waving some \$300 million in front of OEMs to convince them to follow the Ultrabook path—at least one computer maker is jumping on the platform: both

The Financial Times and DigiTimes report Asus is getting ready to launch not just its UX21 Ultrabook—which it demonstrated when Intel announced the platform—but from five to seven additional models as well, with possible prices ranging from \$799 to \$1000

The Asus EX21 Ultrabook should debut shortly, and aims at an ultraportable form factor, sporting an 11.6-inch display; other models will reportedly step up to a 13.3 screen size.



Health & Living

9/11 leaves a legacy of psychiatric trauma, stress

NEW YORK (AFP) - The September 11 terror strikes left American psychiatrists a lasting legacy of unexpected size: thousands of people living and struggling with posttraumatic stress disorder, 10 years on.

An eye-opening example of the PTSD on view in New York's daily life a decade after the attacks: last Tuesday, when a relatively rare earthquake was felt up much of the US east coast including in New York City, locals spontaneously evacuated highrises here, pouring into the streets in distress.

"The first thing to come to their minds was 'Oh, my God, is there another bombing, what's going on?" said Dr. Jacob Ham, who leads the program for Healing Emotions and Achieving Resilience to Traumatic Stress at Beth Israel Medical Center and St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital Center.

In fact, "a lot of people were having PTSD reactions without understanding it. They were having a physical response, they were panicking more than the (real) situation might make them, to

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react in this way," he explained.

PTSD is an anxiety disorder that can follow a psychologically traumatizing experience, sometimes immediately but at times months later.

It is considered a full PTSD case when anxiety lasts longer than a month; a shorter case would be deemed acute stress disorder. The mental health definition of PTSD also notes that the patient's fear is felt as present, even when the victim is not physically or psychologically threatened.

With a decade of fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan, PTSD has skyrocketed among the US military ranks.

It can happen to victims of violent crime or domestic abuse, but PTSD also can be common in the aftermath of a major terror attack such as 9/11.

The pathology as it is described now was developed in 1978 by Charles Figley in a book about Vietnam war veterans plagued by their traumatic experiences at war.

New York's health department has just started a third study to look into the physical and mental health of the more than 70,000 people directly exposed to the 9/11 attacks.

"Only now has sufficient time passed to begin investigating potential late emerging and long-term health effects associated with (World Trade Center) exposure," explained Health Commissioner Dr. Thomas Farley.

"Responses to the third survey will provide researchers with health updates that can help guide clinical services in the future."

According to official New York city figures, at least 10,000 firefighters, police officers and civilians exposed to the terror strikes have experienced PTSD, the most common psychiatric disorder stemming from the 9/11 attacks

New York Health Department projections based on those figures are that some 61,000 of the 409,000 people who were in the area at the time of the attacks probably experienced PTSD in the first six years after 9/11.

For Roxane Cohen Silver, an expert on PTSD at the University of California, "the attacks of 9/11 did far more than destroy buildings and kill thousands of innocent people. They interrupted routine patterns and tugged our social fabric" in the United States, she said.

"Even those individuals who did not know anyone who died that day have been touched by the tragedy. We are different now... We sometimes gaze askance at young men carrying backpacks on public transportation," she added.

Beth Faitelewicz, a nurse at Beth Israel hospital for the past 25 years, lives, with her husband and daughters, close to the site of the attacks in New York. She says that her husband has suffered PTSD, which has put strain on her.

"I never went for help. I should go, maybe, but I never went. I try to deal with things on a daily basis. I've got to be strong, I'm the mommy," she told AFP.

"But if one person in the family is affected, we are all affected."

Taiwan probing HIV organ transplant

TAIPEI — Taiwan's health authorities said they are investigating a case of "critical medical negligence" that led to five patients receiving organs from an HIV positive donor.

"The National Taiwan University Hospital is required to come up with a detailed report before the end of Tuesday," Wang Je-chau, a spokesman for the Department of Health, told AFP, referring to the hospital where four of the five transplant operations were performed on Thursday.

The family of a 38-year-old man, surnamed Chiu, decided to donate his organs after he fell to his death in northern Hsinchu city last week.

Medical technicians performing standard blood tests found that Chiu was HIV positive before his liver, lungs and kidneys were transplanted.

But the message was wrongly relayed and doctors were given the green light for the operations.

Chiu's family said they were not aware that he was an HIV carrier.

Doctors at the two hospitals have prescribed preventive medicines for the five recipients.

Local media said the responsible staff, if found guilty, may face a jail term of up to 10 years and the National Taiwan University Hospital may be barred from doing similar operations for a year.





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Linear Park to be ready for September 30

ORANJESTAD – All those passing by the site of the Linear Park can admire the progress in the construction work. Minister of Tourism, Transport and Labor, Otmar Oduber expressed his satisfaction with the latest developments regarding the park, which will contribute to the enhancement of Aruban landscape.

Last Thursday, palm trees were planted, which will grow higher day by day, providing cooling shade. Soon, other plants will also grace the park, among them green malaya, date palm, Chinese palm, Fofoti, Carawara and Green Bottom, providing a pleasant oasis on the highway. Next week street lamps will be installed, giving citizens a good idea of how the park will look when Phase I is finished

According to the contractor, the first phase of Linear Park, consisting of a square and two parks, will be finished on September 30 and construction work will begin on Phase II, which is the remainder of the trajectory up to the Government offices.

Minister Oduber meets weekly with a group of laborers involved with the project to ensure everything goes according to schedule. The aim is to finish before the visit of Her Royal Majesty Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands, her son Crown Prince Willem





Alexander and his wife, Princess Maxima as a visit to the Linear Park by the Royal family is on the schedule of activities.

There was a delay in the construction work during the first months, due to problems with utilities, plumbing system, water and electricity ca-

bles and some changes that SETAR N.V. had to perform. This is because the area has not received any upgrading work for at least 40 years, and some parts, 60 years.

The groundbreaking took place in February and it was the intention to finish within 7 months. Taking into ac-





count the delays, Minister Oduber feels that the work is progressing well and in the last few weeks we will see big changes.

We already surpassed the infrastructure problems of the first months and by the end of October everyone will notice the change in the area.

The minister assures all that "when the work on the Linear Park is finished, it will be an important center of attraction, not only for our visitors but also for island residents to enjoy some exercise and recreational hours."



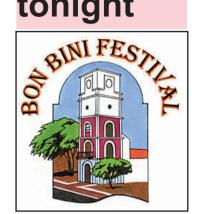
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Bon Bini Festival is tonight



ORANJESTAD -- The weekly Bon Bini Festival takes place tonight at the Fort Zoutman in Wilhelminastraat. Come mingle with the locals and enjoy a taste of Aruban culture.

This week the festival will feature the traditional Aruban caha di orgel (cylinder box) by Nos Cultura, folkloric music by Tipico Ola Tropical, dance performance by The Super Dancers, trio performance by Jacobs Family, poem declaimed by Samantha Trinidad, soloist Hilyann Croes and brass band TBS.

During the festival there will be local food, sweets and traditional local arts and crafts on sale.

Arubus has regular busses from all hotels areas to Oraniestrad Central Terminal. which is only a short walk from Fort Zoutman. Round trip bus fare is \$2.30. The festival is from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Entrance fee is \$3, =

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Tropical Depression 12 forms in the Atlantic

Gold Coast



A new tropical depression has formed in the eastern Atlantic Ocean. Forecasters expect it will become Tropical Storm Katia, and strengthening to hurricane force by Thursday as it steams to the west-northwest in the mid-Atlantic.

Tropical Depression 12, as it's being called for now, was located about 395 miles south southwest of the Cape Verde Islands - off West Africa - putting it in a class of storms known as Cape Verdean Hurricanes. They are the ones that tend to pose the greatest threat to the East Coast as we move into the peak of the hurricane season.

Lionfish invasion threatens coral reefs in the Atlantic and Caribbean

Texas to Jamaica to the Bahamas have documented the rapid spread of the lionfish—an invasive marine species. Lionfish have quickly become established across the waters of the southeastern U.S. and the Caribbean. Because of their role in upsetting the ecological balance of coral reef ecosystems, the rapid growth in the populations of these fish poses a grave threat to the region's coral reefs. Consequently, the region's fishing and tourism industries, which depend on coral reefs, may also be at risk. Governments across the region are trying to respond to the lionfish invasion by developing new campaigns and cooperation strategies that could pose important lessons for how to

deal with invasive marine

Recent news reports from



species in the future.

Two species of lionfish Pterois volitans and P. miles) are responsible for this recent and growing threat to Atlantic and Caribbean reefs. Native to the Indo-Pacific, these species' colorful and dramatic appearance make them popular ornamental fishes in saltwater aquariums. Though no one is certain how or when the lionfish invasion began, strong

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Up to \$7 billion in damage feared from Irene

NEW YORK (AFP) - Hurricane Irene caused up to \$7 billion in damage as it battered the eastern United States over the weekend, with many of the costs due to flooding, research firms estimated on Monday.

The storm, which has now moved into Canada as a posttropical cyclone, could cost insurers between \$1.5 billion and \$3 billion to cover claims for damaged homes, vehicles and businesses, according to Eqecat Inc., based in Oakland, California.

Total damage, including uninsured losses, could range from \$5 billion to \$7 billion, a spokesperson for Eqecat said.

One of Irene's costliest effects was flooding caused by heavy rainfall in New Jersey and in the city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, said Jose Miranda, director of client advocacy at Eqecat.

Another disaster-assessment firm, Kinetic Analysis Corp., has predicted that total damages from Irene will range between \$6 billion and \$10 billion, with its "best estimate" being \$7 billion.

Such losses include the cost of flooding damage, interrupted business and government cleanup expenses, according to Kinetic Analysis, which is based in Silver Spring, Maryland.

The damages were less than many had feared before the storm hit, but Irene was still among the worst hurricanes ever to hit the United States, according to analysts at Morgan Stanley, a Wall Street investment bank.

"Irene is likely to rank among the top 10 costliest US hurricanes and within the top

20 when equalizing for inflation," Morgan Stanley said in a research note.

Last week, Kinetic Analysis warned total damages could be as high as \$20 billion, but it lowered its estimates as the storm weakened.

Stock markets surged more than 2.0 percent in mid-afternoon trading on Wall Street, a rally that analysts said was partly caused by relief over Irene's modest impact.

Irene caused \$200 million to \$400 million in insured losses in North and South Carolina, the first US states that were affected, while estimates for other states were still being tallied, said Miranda, of Eqe-

Earlier, the hurricane caused \$300 million to \$600 million in the Caribbean, according to Eqecat.

Obama picks jobs expert as top advisor

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US President Barack Obama on Monday nominated Alan Krueger, a Princeton University expert on unemployment, as his top economic adviser as he plots an "urgent" new offensive on the jobs crisis.

Obama described Krueger as one of America's top economists who understood the challenges that the country faces, with a recovery that has been too tepid to make significant cuts in an unemployment rate of 9.1 percent.

Krueger, if confirmed by the Senate, will serve as chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers and succeed long-time Obama confidante Austan Goolsbee who left the administration to return to academia in Chicago.

Next week, the president will lay out a new plan to create jobs and slice into the deficit, projected to hit \$1.6 trillion this year, in a speech certain to ignite a new political firestorm with Republicans.

"Our great economic challenge as a nation remains how to get this economy growing," Obama said as he appeared with Krueger in the White House Rose Garden and previewed his big speech.

The president promised "steps that Congress can take immediately to put more money in the pockets of work-

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The president is pushing for an extension to a current payroll tax cut, an infrastructure spending plan that would provide jobs for construction workers and an initiative to put returning Afghan and Iraq war veterans to work.

The White House says that Obama is also interested in finding deficit cuts that go beyond the current \$1.5 trillion mandate of a congressional supercommittee set up to recommend multi-year spending reductions.

Republicans in the House of Representatives, however, have already signaled that they oppose some of Obama's likely policy prescriptions and say the best way to stimulate growth would be to loosen government control over the economy.

Eric Cantor, the Republican majority leader in the House, on Monday pledged to push for the repeal of "job destroying regulations" he said had tied the hands of small business owners.

In a memo to his members, he also committed the House to pursue tax relief for small business owners which he said would immediately help create jobs.

Oil spikes on US consumer spending rise

NEW YORK (AFP) - Oil prices jumped Monday in New York on news of a rebound in US consumer spending and relief that Hurricane Irene had caused no major damage to the petroleum industry on the nation's eastern coast.

New York's main contract, light sweet crude for delivery in October, closed at \$87.27 a barrel, up \$1.90 from Friday.

In London, Brent North Sea crude for October delivery gained 52 cents to settle at \$111.88 in thin trade due to a

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Stock markets in the United States, the world's biggest oil consumer, appeared to find reasons to believe Monday in the economy's potential to exit a slump that has some worrying about a return to recession.

"It's all about equities," said oil analyst Rich Ilczyszyn, at MF Global.

According to the analyst, investors were still buoyed by Federal Reserve chairman Ben Bernanke's speech Friday, in which he announced the central bank's September monetary policy meeting would be expanded to two days.

Stocks and oil are rallying

from "the concept that there may be some type of added stimulus" coming from the Fed to boost sluggish growth,

The positive mood on the markets also was fed by government data showing the biggest rise in consumer spending, a key engine of the economy, since February.

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If you are a fan of crispy Palm Beach, one is struck by friend onion rings, as we are utterly spotless surroundings at THE MORNING NEWS, and a smiling, friendly, atten- you cannot leave there withtive service crew. Of course, out trying their secret recipe the main item on the menu is batter-dipped gourmet rings, burgers-the way they were made from fresh, not frozen meant to be, thick and juicy, onions. Unquestionably, the made fresh daily and 100% best we have had anywhere, pure beef, the kind that made and for those that like a little spice, the fried jalapeños are a real treat. Aaron and Rosie Prices vary only slightly have expanded their menu to between regular and small accommodate certain tastes (basically 2 patties or 1) with and dietary needs; they offer

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Lady Gaga Opens MTV Video Music proud owner of the Awards as "Jo Calderone".

LOS ANGELES - MTV's annual Video Music Awards kicked off with a performance from Lady Gaga performing on stage as her alter ego Jo

Calderone with the song You & I,on Sunday in the widely watched television ceremony.

Katy Perry won the biggest prize of the night at the MTV Video Music Awards on August 2011.Katy Perry won the Video of the Year with her pop anthem ballad "Fireworks" as well as the awards for "Best Collaboration" and Best Special Effects" for "E.T." featuring Kanye West.

The recordbreaking artist Britney Spears became both the Best Pop Video award and the first

big winner at the 2011 MTV Video Music Awards on Sunday night for "Till the World Ends.'

British soul singer Adele

took the stage to sing her new single 'Someone Like You', while Bruno Mars, performed during a tribute for late singer Amy Winehouse. **Here Full list of winners:**

Video of the Year: Katy Perry, "Firework"

New Artist: Tyler, the Creator, "Yonkers"

Pop Video:Britney Spears, "Till the World Ends"

Rock Video: Foo Fighters,

Hip-Hop Video: Nicki Minaj, "Super Bass"

Female Video: Lady Gaga, "Born This Way"

Male Video: Justin Bieber, "U Smile"

Collaboration: Katy Perry, featuring Kanye West, "E.T."

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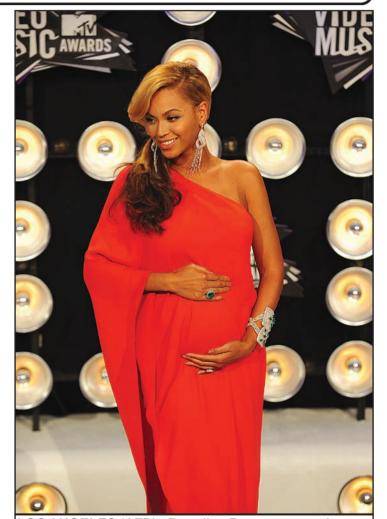
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featuring Kanye West, "E.T."



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Pop diva Beyonce seen here at the 2011 MTV Video Music Awards (VMAs) August 28, 2011 announced Sunday that she and her husband were expecting their first baby, People Magazine reported. "I have a surprise!" the 29-year-old singer told reporters during a red-carpet chat at the Video Music Awards ceremony as she cradled her bulging belly. She did not elaborate, but the pregnancy was later confirmed by the singer's spokeman, the magazine said. This will be the first child for Beyonce and her husband of three years, 41-year-old rapper Jav-Z.





Sharapova survives teenage US Open scare



NEW YORK (AFP) - Maria Sharapova survived a US Open first round scare on Monday when she clawed her way back from a set and a break down to defeat gutsy British teenager Heather Watson, the world 104.

Former world number one Sharapova, the third seed and 2006 champion, won 3-6, 7-5, 6-3 but only after being stretched by the 19-year-old 2009 junior champion who was making her main draw debut.

Exactly 100 places separate the two women in the rankings, but Watson wasn't overawed until the final set when Sharapova, a French Open and Wimbledon semifinalist this summer, switched on the turbo-power.

The Russian finished with a blistering 41 winners to Watson's nine although her 58 unforced errors and eight double faults were hardly the statistics of a champion-inwaiting.

Sharapova was plagued by mistakes in the first set on the showpiece Arthur Ashe stadium. She fell 4-1 down, managed to save two set points in the ninth game before a netted second service return gave Watson the opener.

The Russian also dropped serve in the opening game of the second set before she hit back to lead 4-1.

Back came the battling Briton as Sharapova doublefaulted in the seventh game to surrender the break.

But at 5-6 down, Watson's nerve finally failed her.

A handful of silly errors allowed Sharapova, who had been a set and 1-4 down to French teenager Caroline Garcia at Roland Garros, to level the tie.

The Russian was quickly into a 3-0 lead in the decider as her young opponent wilted under the barrage of ground-

strokes as well as the Sharapova ear-piercing vocals.

But from 1-4 down, Watson recovered the break to go to 3-4 before another thrilling twist saw Sharapova once again summon all of her renowned fighting spirit to break again for a 5-3 lead.

Watson saved a match point but a long forehand confirmed her defeat and a place for Sharapova in the next round where she will face either Anastasiya Yakimova of Belarus or Thailand's Noppawan Lertcheewakarn.

Despite her victory, Sharapova's customary on-court shrieking was not to everyone's liking.

Star British golfer Lee Westwood wrote on Twitter: "Glad Sharapova's not playing in Crans this week! They'd hear her in Geneva! Come on Watson finish her off for the sake of our eardrums!"



REPUBLIC OF KOREA, Daegu (ex Taegu): China's Liu Xiang (sR) and Cuba's Dayron Robles (R) compete in the men's 110 metres hurdles final at the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) World Championships in Daegu yesterday. Race winner Dayron Robles was sensationally stripped of his world 110m hurdles title for obstructing Liu Xiang who came in third. With the disqualification of Robles Liu was elevated to the silver medal. AFP PHOTO



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Barcelona provide Real Madrid with perfect response

BARCELONA (AFP) - Champions Barcelona produced the perfect response to bitter rivals Real Madrid here on Monday as they overwhelmed Champions League qualifiers Villarreal 5-0 in their opening league match of the season.

A double by Lionel Messi plus goals on their league debuts for summer acquisitions Cesc Fabregas and Alexis Sanchez after an opener from Thiago came just a day after Real had thrashed Real Zaragoza 6-0.

Barcelona's win, though, is an ominous sign for Real Madrid as Villarreal are considered a far stronger side than Zaragoza.

The Catalan side are in the hunt for their fourth consecutive league triumph and having started the season by lifting the domestic and European Super Cups they showed no mercy against a Villarreal side who spent the match chasing shadows.

On paper Barcelona appeared to have problems with Carlos Puyol, Gerard Pique and Dani Alves all missing from the defence but coach Pep Guardiola reverted to a 3-4-3 formation made famous by his mentor Johan Cruyff as Barcelona handler in the early 1990s.

Thiago and Fabregas, both starting the game in the centre of the pitch, made it 2-0

by half-time, while a strike from Villarreal's Italian striker Giuseppe Rossi that went narrowly wide was all the visitors could muster.

Sanchez opened his account for Barca with a goal after the break before a Messi double completed the scoring.

Cristiano Ronaldo had led the way for Real Madrid on Sunday as he scored a hattrick in the thumping of Zaragoza.

Ronaldo was the joint highest goal scorer with Messi in Spain last season with 53 goals and midway through the first half he put Real ahead by converting a Mesut Ozil pass.

Marcelo quickly added a second as Real peppered the Zaragoza goal.

The home side were never in the contest and in the second half Real's domination was reflected in the scoring with Xabi Alonso (63) and Kaka (81) finding the back of the net along with two more goals from Ronaldo after 70 and 86 minutes.

Along with Villarreal, Valencia are set to be in the hunt for a Champions League place this season and a late double from Roberto Soldado completed his hat-trick and saw Valencia come from behind to beat Racing Santander 4-3.





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Manning in running to make return to action



INDIANAPOLIS (AFP) -Four-time MVP Peyton Manning, who has started a team quarterback record 227 consecutive games, has been cleared by doctors to start practising with the Indi-anapolis Colts again.

Manning is recovering from a neck operation he underwent in May and said he didn't know if this would enable him to be ready in time for the Colts season opener September 11 at Reliant Stadium in Houston, Texas.

"I have to be able to play competitively to play because I have too much respect for this game," he said. "Î have to do what's fair for the team."

Manning has started 227 regular and postseason games which stands as the second-

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longest streak in National Football League history for quarterbacks behind Brett

He hinted Monday he was healthy enough to take a snap or play a series or two to keep the streak alive but not if it wasn't in the team's best interest.

The Colts said Manning practice on a "scripted" basis this week. He is not expected to play in Thursday's final preseason game against Cincinnati.

"He's been throwing," coach Jim Caldwell said. "İt's going to be a bigger amount, and I don't think it needs a whole lot of explanation. The statement speaks for itself."

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Djokovic shoulders heightened expectations

NEW YORK -- (AFP)--For Novak Djokovic, in the midst of one of the great seasons in men's tennis history, dreams and reality are becoming one and the same.

The Serbian has taken an extraordinary ride to the top of men's tennis, claiming the Australian Open and Wimbledon titles along the way as he built a remarkable 57-2 record.

'You know, I did achieve the dreams that I had throughout all my tennis career, but I still have lots to prove to myself," Djokovic said Monday, a day before he was due to launch his US Open campaign.

"If I continue on playing this way, I'm able to win more majors," he said. "That's one of my goals, you know, in the next couple of years, to try to stay healthy and try to perform well and win as many majors as I can.

"An Olympic medal and another Davis Cup would be great."

At one time, Djokovic might have considered some of his loftier career aspirations dreams, as opposed to his more down-to-earth goals.

Now, he said, "I kind of put them together."

Djokovic's stellar season hit a snag in Cincinnati this month, when inflammation in his right shoulder forced him to retire from the final against Andy Murray.

Djokovic said he doesn't expect the shoulder to be a problem during the US Open.

"I have been serving in the last couple of days, playing 100 percent, so I'm ready for the tournament," he said. "I had a little trouble in Cincinnati throughout the whole week, and I carried that up to

the finals," he said. "It was unfortunate to finish this way the match against Murray.

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"But I think it was the right decision, because I needed not to risk anymore, any further major injuries.

He's especially pleased to be at full strength for Flushing Meadows, where a runner-up finish to Rafael Nadal last year was the springboard to his 2011 success.

"I had a great US Open in 2010," Djokovic said, recalling his first-round victory over compatriot Victor Troicki -- in which he trailed two sets to one -- and a semifinal victory over Roger Federer in which he saved two match points.

"After that tournament I started to believe more that I can win big matches against top guys," Djokovic said.

'In the end this is a very mental sport," he said. "You need to believe that you can win matches when you're playing against top guys and when you're playing in Grand Slams.

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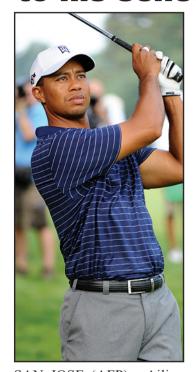
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Woods adds Frys.com to his schedule



SAN JOSE (AFP) - Ailing former world number one Tiger Woods will play the Frys.com Open in California the first week of October which has the richest purse of the PGA Tour's fall series

events.

Woods said earlier he would try to add another tournament to his schedule in order to get ready for the upcoming Presidents Cup tournament.

"I'm looking forward to seeing some old friends," Woods said on his website Monday.

The \$5 million Frys.com Open begins October 6 at CordeValle Golf Club near San Jose.

"John Fry and his company have supported the tour, and I've heard good things about the event and the golf course," Woods said. "One of my goals this year was to participate in a tournament I hadn't played before, and now, I will.'

Woods has played just eight USPGA Tour events this year partly because of injuries to his left knee and Achilles' tendon.

Woods has never played the Tour's fall series events but a couple of weeks ago he was urged by American Presidents Cup team captain Fred Couples to play more tournaments. Couples announced last week that Woods would be included on the American squad.

Woods failed to make the cut at the PGA Championship earlier this month and also failed to make it into the FedEx Cup playoffs. The PGA Championship was just Woods' second tournament in eight weeks.

Woods, who has played every Presidents Cup since he first became eligible in 1998, has already said he would play the Australian Open and the one day Notah Begay charity event in New York on Wednesday.

The Frys.com will be his first appearance on the PGA Tour since the PGA Championship.



Clubs carry on discussions in Italian strike

ROME (AFP) - The president of the Italian football federation Giancarlo Abete met with the representatives of the clubs and players on Monday but failed to reach agreement over the issues which caused the postponement of last weekend's scheduled start to

the Serie A season.

"For the moment there is no news, it is too soon, but happily we still have some time ahead of us before the second round of matches,' said Maurizio Beretta, the president of the association of Serie A clubs.

"I am not a bookmaker," said Beretta. "Optimistic? I don't know but the strike was madness. To err is human, to persevere is diabolical.'

The Italian players union (AIC) called the strike after failing to agree a new collective bargaining agreement with the clubs.







